

John 4

- 1-3 John the Baptist imprisoned (Mt 4:12, Mk 1:14) - from Judea to Galilee
4 needed to go through Samaria (spoiler alert: seeking worshippers)
routes (map) and reasons to avoid (history)
where Abram built altar when God first appeared to him (Gen 12:6-7)
where Jacob settled after return from Laban (Gen 33:18-20)
mixed race by intermarriage during captivity
built own temple (Mt Gerazim) 300+ BC
temple destroyed, Samaria sacked by Jews 100+ BC
- Why would the One sent only to the lost sheep of Israel (Mt 15:24) seek half breeds?
identity in Jewish forefathers (vs 12) - mixture (purist vs family)
humble desire to worship (ignorance vs 22) - vs religious leaders
- 5-18 Jesus gently approaches a woman with issues to offer her Living Water
Holy Spirit (vs 10, theme Jn 1, 3) - not solutions to issues, New Life!
vs 14 - the Source, Fountain of Living Water in her (Jer 17:13) - spiritual drink
solution to every issue, only one we need (continued theme of John)
- 19-20 she reveals her heart's desire (spiritual thirst) - connection to God in Worship
21-24 new paradigm - connection in the spirit realm (radical change)
not about place or form (ignorance), but **Spirit** and **Truth** (deep, intimate knowledge)
Spirit: born again believers engaging Him Spirit to Spirit
tune to His realm, engage spiritual senses
Truth: deep heart revelation
(Ps 51:6) Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part
You will make me to know wisdom.
- Transformational place of Worship - only solution we need (vs 24)
(2Co 3:17-18) ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is liberty. ¹⁸But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the
glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to
glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.
- 25-26 God reveals Himself to worshippers - just keep drawing near in Spirit and Truth
27-42 woman & town believe - no miraculous signs!
disciples confused over lunch - harvest (worshippers)

1. learn connection to God in Spirit and Truth (Worship)
2. don't be distracted by the harvest's ignorance & issues, just offer connection to God